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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 7-23 and 44-73 are now pending in this application; claims 5, 6 and 24-43 are canceled herein, and claims 44-73 are added in this Amendment. Claims 1, 44, 52, 60 and 67 are the independent claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 6-14, 26, and 29-37 are allowable. Claims 1 has been amended, and claims 44, 52, 60 and 67 added to correspond to original allowable claims 6, 7, 9, 29 and 37, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants believe the independent claims and the amended claims that depend therefrom are allowable.

Applicants note, however, that the above amendments have been made solely in order to expedite allowance of the application. Applicants continue to believe that the original claims are allowable and Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecuting the original claims in a continuing application. In this regard, the Applicants wish to point out the Examiner's Response To Arguments set forth in the Final Office Action appears to mischaracterize Applicants prior comments. As noted in the initial Amendment After Final filed May 15, 2006, the Examiner claims that the Applicants are alleging that Giles does not teach a hermetically sealed housing for an optical amplifier. Applicants are saying no such thing. Applicants readily concede that Giles shows a hermetically sealed housing. However, as set forth in detail in the previous responses, Applicants are arguing that the claimed hermetically sealed housing does not correspond to the particular pressure sealed housing of Giles.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

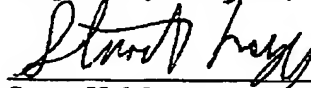
**Fees**

As the undersigned attorney's PTO Deposit account was charged the one-month extension fee for a large entity (\$120) on July 17, 2006 (see Deposit Account Statement

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enclosed) while the Applicant is entitled to small entity status, the Examiner is authorized to charge the difference between the one-month extension fee already paid (\$120) and the two-month small entity extension fee that is currently due (i.e. \$105, the difference between \$225 now due, less \$120 already paid), as well as any additional fees that may be due and owing to Deposit Account number 50-1047.

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